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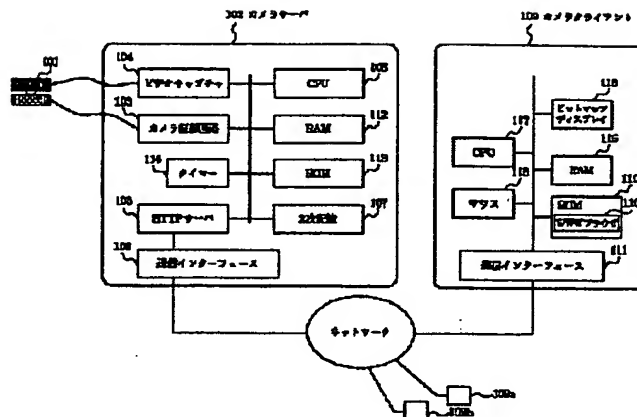
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TITLE : CAMERA CONTROL SYSTEM, ITS CONTROL METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM FOR EXECUTING THE CONTROL



ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To display a video image in a photographing direction, in response to the preference of all camera clients by selectively outputting an image photographed and stored in a plurality of photographing directions periodically in advance, according to a control command of camera clients who do not have the rights to camera control.

SOLUTION: A camera server 102 controls a video camera 101 to periodically execute a photographing sequence in a plurality of prescribed photographic directions and stores a plurality of photographed images to a secondary storage 107. A permission command of a video camera is issued with respect to a request for video camera control right issue from a camera client 109, to leave the photographing direction control for the client 109. When the control right has already been issued, an image in a photographing direction close to that in a control command for a client 109 is selected among a plurality of images stored in the secondary storage 107 and the selected image is transmitted to the client with respect to the client 109 to which no control right has been issued.

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